**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 4, line 30 to Page 5, line 3, in the Specification (**[0023]** of Published Application No. US 2005/0128079 A1), please replace the entire paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

A person P in the region R carries a portable infrared communication device 30 which can be in either unidirectional or bi-directional communication with any of devices 18, 20 or 22 without limitation. The person P can direct the communication unit 30 to send an appropriate message, such as [[Mto]] M to 12, via the infrared link to device 18-k for example, which message is intended for the control element 12.

Page 5, lines 4-9, in the Specification (**[0024]** of Published Application No. US 2005/0128079 A1), please replace the entire paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

The receiving device 18-k upon analyzing the received communication via the link L can determine from the message format that it is to be communicated to the control element 12. Control circuits 12 could respond to the message and reply to unit 30, message [[Mfrom]] M from 12, via medium 16 and device 18-k. Alternately, the message format might also direct the device 18-k to respond to the unit 30, [[Mfrom]] M from 18-k, and/or carry out some other function, all without limitation.